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Letter To The Editor

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Editor
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Appomattox, Va. 24522
Dear Sir,

I recently had the prividge of attending State 4-H Congress with several of the outstanding 4-H'ers in the county at VPI&SU in Blacksburg, Va. I feel that the residents of this county should know just how outstanding they are.

Just a few years ago I went to State 4-H Congress with three of my friends as winners in Share-the-Fun. This year ten girls, ten boys, two adult volunteer leaders, and one extension agent went. That's quite a differencel Almost all of these young people came away with very high honors in their respective contests and two of them were tapped in the 4-H All Stars. This is not only a high, personal honor but also a way to further serve the 4-H program.

I also think the county should be proud of their young people's behavior during the week. Never once was I ashamed of them or was there any disiplinary action ever taken out on them by anyone. I think that says something for the parents as well as the extension agents that work with them all year through. I was very busy throughout the week and did not get to spend as much time with them as I wish I could have, but even without constant supervision they behaved accordingly. I just hope by writing this letter that they will know how sorry I am that I did not have the time to spend with them and how proud I am of them.

The 4-H program in this county has grown a great deal in the past few years but it has not reached its potential in any means. I ask that you, as a citizen of this county, support your 4-H'ers in any and every way you can. We hope in the near future to have an All Star Organization in the county so if you are interested in this or any of the 4-H programs, please call the Extension Office. Thank you for your help in the past and please support your 4-H'ers in the future. You should be very proud of them!

Sincerely,
Billie Brightwell
Pamplin, Va. 23958

CAMPER OF THE WEEK

Each week the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Staff picks the most outstanding camper as "Camper of the Week." For the week of June 27 to July 1 John Montel Loving was chosen as the most outstanding camper.

John was awarded a $15.00 Scholarship to return to camp next summer. He also received a certificate of recognition in Team Sports.

John is 10 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Loving of Amherst, Virginia.

Revolutionary War Soldiers From Campbell County, Va.

By: Harriet A. Chilton,
Member, Appomattox County Historical Society

Campbell County, Va. Court Order Book 20, page 185, gives the following declaration by Jesse Thornhill, my great-great great-grandfather, when he made a statement on 14 August 1832 to claim a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War:

On motion of Jesse Thornhill of this County who made his declaration on oath before the court of his having served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as stated in his said declaration filed; and the court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states; and the court further certifies that it appears to them that George Dugald and James Whitaker who have signed the preceding certificate are residents in the said county and that they are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

There was no general service pension for all who served until the Pension Act passed by Congress on 7 June 1832 which included volunteers and militia for the first time. This Act, passed fifty years after the close of the Revolution, found comparatively few survivors. Evidence had to be established by muster roll or other document, or the affidavit of one commissioned officer or two comrades who had served with the applicant. Those who had fought together were often separated by the westward migration so it was impossible for many to find proof of service required.

The claims of forty applicants for pensions appear in Court Order Books 20 and 21 during the years 1832 and 1833. All the applicants used a similar declaration to that quoted above for Jesse Thornhill. The names of these forty soldiers are given below:

Adler Arrington, p. 189, Henry Blankenship, p. 190, James Brooks, p. 187, Nelson Brooks, p. 186, Henry Brown, p. 256, Robert Cardwell, p. 202, Nicholas Cyree, p. 228, Richard Daniel, p. 184, George Diuguid, p. 199, Sampson Evans, p. 183, Thomas Franklin, p. 199, William Frazier, p. 207, Joseph Gaddy, p. 228, Edward Gibbs, p. 182,Charles Glass, p. 187, Thomas Harvey, p. 183, Benjamin Hughes, p. 198, Sackville King, p. 257, William King, p. 194, William Leckie, p. 200, Gen. Joel Leftwich, p. 175, Arthur Litchford, p. 201, Samuel Matthews, p. 184, Thomas Moore, p. 288, James Pettis, p. 187, John Pribble, p. 189, William Roper, p. 186, Edward Stover, p. 200, Jesse Thornhill, p. 185, William Truitt, p. 228, Luke Valentine, p. 228, Charles Walker, p.201, Henry Walthall, p.276, James Whitaker, p. 185, Deborix Williamson, p. 186, and Henry Wray, p. 231. Also, James Howard, p. 21, John Hunter, p. 35, John Marcherson, p. 23, and Poindexter Patterson, p. 11.

The Virginia Militia was called out en masse in the late summer of 1781 to help defeat Lord Cornwallis and his British Army at Yorktown, Va. Jesse Thornhill and his comrades served with Gen. Lafayette at the capture of Cornwallis. After the surrender of the British troops on 19 October 1781, Private Thornhill and other Virginia Militia under the command of General Robet Lawson guarded the British prisoners to Fort Loudoun in Winchester, Va., where they were imprisoned. The march from Yorktown to Winchester coverd a distance of nearly 240 miles and took sixteen days.

Jesse Thornhill received a pension of $20.00 per year until his death in 1837.

Order Book 20, page 63, contains one other declaration for a Revolutionary War pension, that of John May, for disability, in 1831.

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APPOMATTOX UNIT STAFF WELCOMES MS. SMITH

Ms. Claudette Smith, a native of Leland, North Carolina, joined the Appomattox Unit Extension Staff on July 1. Ms. Smith will be an agent in training for the next several months.

A graduate of North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, N. C., Ms. Smith was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She received a B. S. Degree in Home Economics Education in 1977.

Ms. Smith will be working with Family Resources and 4-H programs while training in Appomattox County. It is a pleasure to welcome her as a member of our staff.

Health-wise

By Marylou Blosser, RN

Blood Pressure

For every person who worries about his heart, two dozen more are concerned about blood pressure. Blood pressure can easily be called a national worry.

Blood pressure is caused by the squeezing action of the heart muscle. This squeezing action creates the high point of the pressure, which is called "systolic"; the low point, or resting stage, is called the "diastolic" pressure.

There are many influences that can cause blood pressure to rise temporarily.

Anger and exertion are examples. Nicotine in tobacco, caffeine in coffee and tea are two drugs that can cause blood pressure to rise. Advancing age, overweight and stress are conditions that have a gradual effect on blood pressure.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Change Announced in Flue-Cured Tobacco Lease Provisions - President Carter signed a bill June 25, 1977, that could affect some farmers' eligibility to lease flue-cured tobacco quota.

The Bill provides that farmers with acreage-poundage quotas of over 2,000 pounds must have planted at least 80 percent of their farms' flue-cured acreage allotments if they intend to lease any quota after June 14. Previously, farmers in this position could lease quota if only 50 percent of their farms' allotment had been planted.

This change was made to reduce speculation in the flue-cured tobacco program. Speculation and other program abuses had been alleged by several segments of the flue-cured tobacco industry.

Farmers who go to their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office to leave quota will have their farm records checked to verify (1) whether or not their farms have quotas of over 2,000 pounds and(2)whether they had planted at lease 80 percent of their farms' allotments to flue-cured tobacco.

Beef Referendum Set for July 5-15 - The voting period for the Beef Referendum began on July 5th and will run until July 15th. All registered beef producers are reminded that they may vote during this period.

There are 57 producers that registered to vote in Appomattox County during the June 6 through June 17 registration period. If over half the registered producers nationwide, vote and two-thirds of those voting approve a beef research & information order, the Secretary of Agriculture would appoint a beef board. The board would be composed of not more than 68 beef producers from names submitted by producer organizations. The board would collect assessment on the sale of cattle and use the funds to promote beef research and information. The law sets the maximum assessment at one-half of one percent of live animal value.

Producers can vote in person at the county office or by mail. Those who want to vote by mail must get their request to the county office by July 8.

Joe Ford, 4-H Award Winner

Fifty-five awards were presented Monday, June 20, to 4-H'ers attending the 55th State 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech. The awards for having winning projects included trips, monetary prizes and radios.

This year's theme, "4-H, A Step Beyond", is the basis for such activities as demonstrations, judging contests, recreation, career workshops and information fair. About 1,400 4-H members and adult-leaders from across the state took part in the Congress which concluded June 24.

Joseph M. Ford of Appomattox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ford, was one of thirty-seven of the award winners who received expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Congress at Chicago November 28-December 2. His award was in the leadership program and the donor of the award was the Reader's Digest.

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Morning Star Home Coming Sunday

The annual Homecoming and beginning of the annual revival will begin this Sunday morning at 11 A. M. The pastor Rev. Roy Wood will deliver the morning sermon. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church after the morning service and the Rev. J. W. Paige of Amherst, Va. will deliver the evening message. The Rev. Roger Ford, of Amherst, Virginia will be the guest speaker thru the week. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

Impressive service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a very inspiring sermon. Beautiful music was rendered by the church choirs. Several out of town visitors attended the service. The pastor announced plans for the annual Homecoming service which will begin the first week in August.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral service for the late Mr. Phillip Statham at the Canaan Baptist Church last Saturday evening at 1 p.m. The pastor of the church, Rev. C. L. Elliott officiated and delivered the eulogy. He was assisted in the service by the Reverends Harrison Kelso, W. R. Jones, and R. Q. Lawing. The church choir rendered special music. Mr. Statham was a former member of the Canaan Baptist Church, having joined when he was a child. He left home for employment in Baltimore, Md., in 1918 and worked for the Bethlehem Steel Co. until his retirement. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Faith Baptist Church in Baltimore. Interment was held in the family cemetery. The floral designs were in large numbers. Morton and Dyett Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baltimore, Md. was in charge of arrangements.

The Appomattox Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular meeting at the Mount Shiloh center this Monday evening at 7:30. Members and friends are urged to be present and on time.

The Appomattox Assembly will postpone its monthly meetings until the month of September. This action was taken because of the community revivals during the months of July and August.

The following out of town guests attended service at the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Williams of Shaw University; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis and son of Richmond, Virginia, and Mrs. Richard Davis and son of Washington, D. C.

Reverends A. B. Jones and R. Q. Lawing will represent the Appomattox Assembly this Saturday July 9th at State meeting of presidents held in Chase City, Va. at 10 a.m.

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BEWARE OF STAIRS

Of the 20,000 persons killed in accidental home falls last year, all too common was the incidence of falling down stairs. Fortunately, this is a hazard that can be greatly reduced with very little effort.

All stairs should have hand rails and open stairways should have one on each side.

Surprisingly, rubber mats, used to prevent slipping, often do more harm than good, especially if they are worn skid-smooth or fastened poorly. Varnished steps also prove more likely to send people flying. Considerably safer is just plain paint or bare wood stairs.

Advice..... Add a little fine sand to paint before applying to steps to make an abrasive surface. Make the bottom and top steps more visible with a bright colored paint or strip of reflective tape. Be sure stairways have adequate light that can be operated from both top and bottom.

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